

REMARKS

Written Statement As to Substance of Interview:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's courtesy in conducting telephone interviews with the undersigned attorney on April 28, 2009 and May 4, 2009. During those interviews, the parties discussed claims 1 and 19 in view of US Patent No. 6,615,428 to Pattee and USP 5,199,773 to Price respectfully. In particular, Applicants respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 19 were patentable over those references for substantially the same reasons as set forth in an Amendment filed September 29, 2008. The parties further discussed proposed amendments to claim 1. The Examiner agreed that amended claim 1 and claim 19 were patentable over the cited references.

Drawing Amendment:

Applicants have submitted herewith a corrected, replacement drawing sheet 8 in response to the Examiner's drawing objection. Applicants have deleted reference number "420" on the right hand side of FIG. 16, and replaced reference number "400" with reference number -- 420 -- on the left hand side of FIG. 17. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objections.

Conclusion:

Any questions about this Amendment should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully Submitted,

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